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Sinking Fund Account 129,230
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Revenue Fire Branch £2,351,456
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WEEK DAYS.

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8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 11.0 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
10.0 a.m. to 11.0 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
12.30 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
3.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
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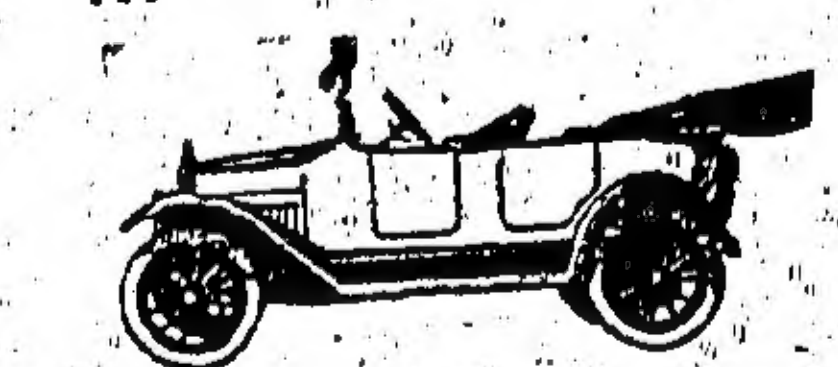
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11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
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12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE BRITISH VICTORY.

A GENEROUS TRIBUTE BY FRENCH
GENERAL STAFF.

"A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF
MILITARY ART."

London, Oct. 10.

Responsible quarters regard the
British victory of the 8th inst. as
by far the most important event in
a remarkably fruitful week, because
apart from the sanguinary and costly
defeat inflicted upon the enemy, the
latter is thereby compelled to under-
take a retirement which will prob-
ably soon extend to the whole front
between St. Quentin and Argonne.

The pivot of the enemy's defensive
system between the Meuse and the
sea has been smashed, and his rear
lines of defence constructed between
the Oise and Argonne have been
turned into his main line. The rear
line here constructed two months
ago runs along the rivers Serre and
Sisone thence to the Aisne at Conde
thence eastwards along that river to
Argonne.

It is impossible to say how far-
reaching the results of the British
success will be. Much depends on
the weather and the enemy's moral.
His position is undoubtedly danger-
ous. His troops are greatly ex-
hausted and his fresh reserves prac-
tically used up. He cannot now
make good his losses either of men
or material. A general retirement
in such circumstances may be put
it mildly, entail grave consequences.
The French General Staff regards
the part played by the British in
the past two months as very remark-
able. It has expressed its admira-
tion of the series of battles they have
won as "models in conception and
execution, and classic examples of
military art."

GERMAN ARMY OF 240,000 IN FULL
RETREAT.

Paris, Oct. 10.

A Havas message states:—
The British Army yesterday entered
Cambrai. During the day Ger-
man explosives laid the town in
ruins.
The German main armies on a
20-mile front between Cambrai and
St. Quentin, 240,000 men strong,
are in full retreat with British troops
upon their heels. In the magni-
ficent fighting on Tuesday 12,200
prisoners and 200 guns were taken.

ENEMY'S SWIFT RETREAT.

REMARKABLE CONFUSION.

London, Oct. 10.

Reuter's Correspondent at British
Headquarters, telegraphing to-day,
says:—
The enemy's withdrawal between
St. Quentin and Cambrai yesterday
was so rapid that our patrols were
scarcely able to maintain touch with
him. Last evening this swift retire-
ment seemed to be continuing on
our right, but machine-gun resist-
ance was stiffening on our left.
Our airmen report remarkable con-
fusion of troops and transport moving
eastwards from Le Cateau.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, Oct. 10.

A wireless German official message
states:—
In face of strong infantry attack
in the direction of Le Cateau, we
retreated fighting step by step to-
wards new positions.
The main thrust of the French and
Americans on Wednesday between
the Aisne and the Meuse was directed
against the Somme range and
Romagne. Both places remained in
our hands.
We recaptured Sivry, eastward of
the Meuse.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S INQUIRIES

GERMANY ON THE HORNS OF A
DILEMMA.

Paris, Oct. 10.

A Havas message states:—
President Wilson's reply to Ger-
many shows that the United States
will not discuss the question of
armistice until German troops have
withdrawn everywhere from invaded
territory. This vital condition is a
necessary preliminary to an armis-
tice. The answer leaves no loop-
hole to the foe. The President
means to pin the Germans down to
exact statements. The second
clause of President Wilson's reply
will give the Germans a hard prob-
lem to solve. The reply is hailed
with enthusiasm in Allied countries.
There is no question of bolting the
door against a righteous peace, but
Germany must disgorge all things
she has stolen, compensate the vic-
tims and be made powerless to re-
peat the brutal assault on our com-
mon civilization.

The reply has met with entire
approval in France. It is not
President Wilson's intention to treat
with the Kaiser and his fellow
criminals. The future of the Hohen-
zollern dynasty is definitely ruled.
Diplomatic circles in London
regard President Wilson's reply as
clever and logical. He wisely re-
frained from sending a flat rejection
of the proposals. The reply places
the German Government on the
horns of a dilemma.

AUSTRIAN AND TURKISH PRES- SURE ON GERMANY.

Paris, Oct. 10.

A Havas message says:—
It is stated on good authority that
Germany consented to join in the
peace offer under great pressure from
Austria and Turkey. The Kaiser was
induced to submit to the humilia-
tion in the hope of preventing the
two remaining allies following the
example of Bulgaria.
All evidence points to the fact that
terror has taken hold of the German
people in the frontier regions who
are shuddering at the advancing
spectre of invasion.

NEW GERMAN OUTRAGE IN BELGIUM.

Paris, Oct. 10.

A new outrage is being perpetrated
in Belgium. From the coast be-
yond Bruges male population be-
tween the ages of 15 and 45 are
being torn from their homes and
compelled to do hard labour for the
military needs of the enemy. The
Germans are completing the ruin by
pillage, arson and deportation.

FRENCH SUCCESSES.

London, Oct. 11.

A French communiqué states:—
South of the Oise we captured
Servais and took prisoners.
Between the Ailette and the Aisne
the pressure of our troops, assisted
by Italian units operating on both
sides of Chemin-des-Dames forced
the Germans to retreat beyond the
Oise canal.
Notwithstanding violent machine-
gun fire, we captured Peanne, Olivy,
Verzeuil, Couronne, Bouy and
Cemais, simultaneously crossing the
Aisne east of Ocuilly.
We drove back the enemy bat-
taries and occupied Pargny and
Bourbourg.
(Continued on Page 2.)

INTIMATIONS

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBJECT to confirmation by Shareholders at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held on the 24th of October, 1918, a FINAL DIVIDEND of Four per cent. (\$2.00 per Share) and a BONUS of Ten per cent. (\$5.00 per Share) have been declared on the working of the Company for the year ended the 30th June, 1918.

DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO.,
General Managers -
Hongkong, Oct. 10, 1918. 827

NOTICE

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Hongkong, Oct. 8, 1918. 814

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Transactions of Shares made for December Settlement will be negotiated on MONDAY, 23rd December, 1918, instead of Friday, 27th December, as previously advertised.

By Order of the Committee.
E. M. RAYMOND,
Secretary.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.
Hongkong, Oct. 10, 1918. 826

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE

Nov. 2nd - SATURDAY - Nov. 2nd.

THE ANNUAL BAZAAR under the auspices of the above League, will be held by kind permission in the grounds of Government House, on SATURDAY, November 2nd.

The proceeds as formerly, will be devoted to Local Charities for Children, the "Orphanage" Club, Survey, and Naval and Military Funds for Orphans.

Hongkong, Oct. 8, 1918. 813



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TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THE INSTITUTE will RE-OPEN on TUESDAY, the 10th October. Students will be enrolled at the Education Office only, and should apply at once for Entry Forms.

Hongkong, Oct. 10, 1918. 824

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 3 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Banking Business on MONDAY, the 14th instant.

Hongkong, Oct. 10, 1918. 825

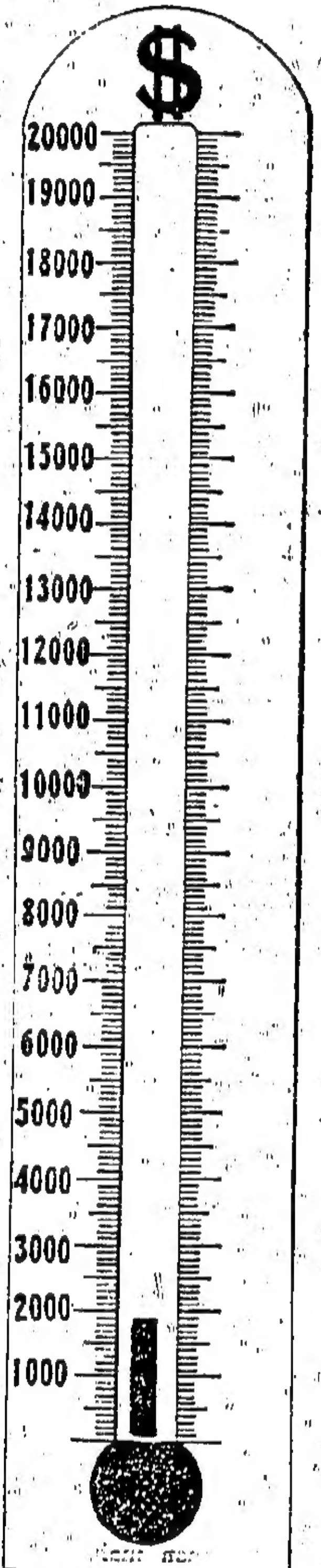
"ST. ANDREW'S FAIR."

30th NOVEMBER, 1918.

A LADIES STALL will again be arranged in connection with St. Andrew's Fair, and all Scottish Women willing to assist are invited to attend a meeting to be held at the Hongkong Hotel on TUESDAY, the 10th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

ALICE DYER.
Hongkong, Oct. 8, 1918. 817

LADY MAY'S ROSE FUND



"Subscriptions received LAST YEAR by Lady May previous to 'OUR DAY' amounted to \$13,861.00 and it is hoped that subscriptions this year will exceed \$20,000." All subscriptions will be acknowledged in the newspapers and the thermometer altered to show the amounts received to date. It is hoped that residents in the ports of South China, who will be unable to visit Hongkong on "OUR DAY", will avail themselves of this opportunity to subscribe to the Fund through this medium. All subscribers will receive a special rose.

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WAR LOTTERIES BILL.

HOUSE OF COMMONS REJECTS THE MEASURE.

"NOT GAMBLING BUT GIVING."

Sir C. Cave, who moved the second reading of the Lotteries (War Charities) Bill in the House of Commons on August 8, said the present position, from the point of view of the Home Office, was intolerable. Ever since the beginning of the war there had been many efforts to raise funds for war purposes by drawings, raffles, tombolas, and similar expedients. To enforce the law in all these cases would have been impossible. It would have run counter to the feelings of a great mass of the population. The police, not unnaturally, had been unwilling to interfere, but when their attention was called to such a breach of the law they felt bound to intervene. The time had come when the law must either be enforced or altered. Large sums wanted on behalf of our wounded soldiers and prisoners of war, were at stake. By this means money could be subscribed in large amounts to the Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Fund. If the pearls that had been given in large numbers were sold by auction in the market it was obvious that people who could bid for them were few in number. On the other hand, under a lottery a large number of people would participate, and, he said, the difference in the sum raised would be very great. He hesitated to mention the amount, but he was told that if the pearls were sold by auction the sum raised would be between £100,000 and £200,000, whereas if they were disposed of by the system of lottery the amount obtained would be between one and two millions sterling. Such a difference was a matter of great importance to the nation. The Bill would operate for the benefit of such societies as the Church Army and St. Dunstan Hostel, in addition to the societies he had mentioned. The best way of raising money for such purposes during the war appeared to be by the method suggested in the Bill. He denied that by this measure they would cultivate a gambling spirit in the country. He did not think a single member of the House who had taken a ticket in a lottery had done so for the purpose of gain. The element of adventure gave a spice of interest, but the spirit was that the money would go for a good purpose, therefore let it go. It was not a case of gambling, but a case of giving.

Mr. T. Taylor (R. Radcliffe) moved the rejection of the Bill. It was a essentially wrong in principle, he said, and was calculated to be most demoralising in its effects. It would lead to greater demands of a like kind in the future, and at the same time hinder the present administration of the law. How could they punish people who played "pitch and toss" and otherwise broke the law if they allowed similar practices on the part of people of influence because the objects were represented as good? The principle of getting something without giving an equivalent for it was very harmful. It was the essence of gambling.

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Mr. Denar Law said that those who supported the measure did so with no strong or passionate feelings such as had been displayed by its opponents, and he was informed that some of the latter had returned to town in order to vote against it. Finally the smallness of the House would tell in favour of those who opposed the Bill, and it might safely be considered that the decision of the House, whatever it might be, would be fairly representative of the views of the House of Commons as a whole. It was not an easy thing for the Government to leave the question alone. When

they had to decide whether or not to give effect to this bill—and that was all they were doing—they were in this position, that the existing law had not been and was not being enforced because public opinion was against it. The drawing of chances in one shape or another was going on all over the country for war purposes, in some localities under the auspices of religious denominations and of the local authorities. It was not on the Home Secretary's authority that the Bill was introduced, but his right hon. friend was bound to ask the Government what course they would take in view of the fact that the bill had been introduced. Its introduction changed the situation, and the House had to take a decision one way or the other. This was not so simple a proposition as it looked. It was said that whenever anyone got something for nothing it was wrong, but there was hardly any business which he knew in which there was not an element—be would not say of gambling—but of chance. The ordinary common-sense of mankind would say that this was not the kind of conduct which could be stigmatised as necessarily a vice. It was the kind of thing about which there was a considerable difference of opinion. He could not help thinking that the view that by doing what was proposed they would be letting loose the flood gates of gambling was greatly exaggerated. The principle was recognised now in the law in regard to the Art Union. The House had to vote one way or the other, and he was not going to vote in favour of the amendment. He wished to convince the House that the course which the Government had taken was in the circumstances not unreasonable.

Sir Arthur Stanley (U. Ormskirk), speaking as chairman of the British Red Cross Society and the order of St. John, said the Bill affected all war charities. The House afterwards divided, when there voted—

For the second reading ... 77
Against ... 61
Majority against ... 4

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SCOTTISH NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Edinburgh, Aug. 12.

THE SCOTTISH EDUCATION BILL.

All things considered the Scottish Grand Committee did fairly well in getting the Scottish Education Bill through a stage in ten days. It will, however, be a "tight fight" to get it through the House before the coming dissolution. Few alterations were made in the Bill, but Scottish readers, with their proverbial interest in educational affairs, will expect the most important of these to be mentioned. One change made is that representation of the teaching profession, to the extent of at least one teacher in a school, is to be given on each School Management Committee, and the profession has now a new instrument for dealing with status, salary, and general conditions of employment. Another alteration is the postponement for three years of the obligation on young persons between the ages of 15 and 18 years to attend continuation classes. In Clause 5—the most revolutionary clause in the Bill, according to one member—the power proposed to be given to the education authority to facilitate by grants the attendance at intermediate or secondary schools of promising scholars who would otherwise be deterred from educational advancement by reason of the expense involved, was converted by the Committee into a duty. But a somewhat similar provision in regard to University education was allowed to remain permissive because of the financial assistance given under existing conditions by the Carnegie Trust. There is also on the purely educational side of the Bill the new duty imposed on the education authority to include in its scheme adequate provision for the teaching of Gaelic in Gaelic-speaking areas.

On the social side of the Bill provision is made for nursery schools, and the restrictions on the employment of children are made more stringent. The age below which street trading is prohibited is raised from 15 to 17, and four hours each day are added to the prohibited hours of employment for children under 13 years.

GROUSE PLENTIFUL, GUNS SCARCE.

"The Festival of St. Grouse," about which so much used to be written and talked in the years that are past, has lost its former glory. "The Twelfth" has become "The Sixth," a pale shadow of the former date. The opening of the shooting is no longer a great social event; in the words of an old gamekeeper, "it might as well be the opening of the herring season." The great majority of the sportsmen who used to tramp the moors and hills, and take the heather with long strides, are now, alas, engaged in much sterner work. Many of the moors are unlet, and are being shot over by the "gillies" for the market; and where the guns are not candidly bringing down food they are sending their bags to the military hospitals. The prices of grouse fixed by the Food Controller are—Birds hatched this year and sold before November 1 are not to exceed 4s. 3d. per bird to retailer and 6s. 6d. to consumer. All other grouse not to exceed 2s. 6d. to retailer and 3s. 3d. to consumer.

AUGUST, 1914.

It was two o'clock in the morning when the postman rang the bell, and handed in a long green envelope marked "Urgent," writes a Scottish Territorial officer. Inside the envelope was a dinner slip of buff paper, which informed me that the Army Council had directed the situation of the Territorial Force, and that I was required to attend at the Drill Hall at 8 a.m. on the 5th of August, 1914. I laughed when I read that—laughed because mobilisation seemed to be a compound of practical jokes and splendid adventure. We Territorials regarded ourselves rather as the men in the street did. We could not take ourselves seriously as soldiers. And here they were about to mobilise us. It was exciting, but painfully funny.

Through the days of anxiety before the declaration of war the mess had canvassed the possibilities. One foray was pessimistic; according to its theories we should spend a doleful month in wet tents, and then be disbanded. Brighter spirits saw us in occupation of Stirling Castle—a brilliant prospect. Advanced thinkers, dreamed of garrison duty abroad—in Malta, Gibraltar, even in India. But that was turned down as a dream too good to be true. No, Rosyth at the best. Or even Portsmouth. But no such luck as the Mediterranean or India. Certainly the general estimate we made of our usefulness was moderate.

Gladly we obeyed the behests of the scraps of paper. Joyfully we packed the valises and tightened the straps. And we sang as we marched off to our stations. It was such tremendous fun! It was exhilarating to prowl round the docks at night with a loaded revolver, or to step motor cyclists on the roads. And to receive salutes in the main street. And have the girls looking after you. The lift, too, is such a handsome dress.

So it went on for a week, and then we received the most splendid surprise of all. Kitchener asked us to volunteer for Active Service! We volunteered unanimously, and we exchanged rare confidences regarding our hopes. Now we would see Egypt; now we would swing our kilts through the garrison towns of India. We might even get to France—on lines of communication, of course. Our most gorgeous dreams were guarding stores at the base.

That was four years ago. We who are left of these gallant dreamers are wiser and sadder men. Their maddest visions have been realised; their greatest hopes are satisfied; many of them will never leave the France they longed so much to see.

One gazes with emotion at the little scrap of buff paper, and looks it away as a historical document.

SCOTSMEN AND ADVERSITY.

"Keep steady" was the watchword Mr. Lloyd George gave to his Welsh friends, at Newport, Mon. And as an example he pointed to the Scottish people. Three or four months ago we were doing badly, and just when things were at their worst Mr. Lloyd George visited Scotland. "What encouraged me more than anything," he said, "was that so far from seeing discouragement and depression among the people and a disposition to give in, I have never seen Scotsmen so grim, so determined, so united. I went to the Kirk on a Sunday morning. We were doing badly, and the preacher gave out as his text, 'And God was overcome, but he overcame in the end.' And that represented the spirit of Scotland." Mr. Lloyd George added that he had been in Scotland a year before, when we were doing very well, "but Scotsmen were more determined when we were doing badly than they were the year before when we were doing very well." "Oh," he concluded, "they are a very tough race to beat."

LADY BEATTY'S YACHT.

Much indignation was expressed on the Forth, especially in naval circles, at a question which was put in the House of Commons by Mr. Snowden. With even more than his usual want of tact and taste, and quite evidently without putting himself to the trouble of ascertaining the facts, he asked particulars regarding the maintenance and use of a yacht "owned by the wife of a British Admiral" which had been lying in Bo'sness Docks for two years. Dr. Macnamara might have retorted more severely on the discourtesy of the inquirer, but he contented himself with stating that the yacht had been used in emergency as an hospital ship, and would be so used again. The Admiralty was at no expense in connection with the vessel, which was offered free of cost, fully manned, and equipped as an hospital ship in 1914. There was a sting in the last sentence of Dr. Macnamara's answer, however, which it is hoped got through the thick skin of the Labour member for Beath.

"I am sure Lady Beatty would not desire me to say this, but in view of the form of the question I take occasion to say that we owe the gracious act of placing this vessel at our disposal to the kindly generosity of the wife of the Commander-in-Chief, Grand Fleet."

KERNANSKY WRITES A BOOK.

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These were only some of the adventures of Alfred Hawkyard Hinde, a native of Wolverhampton, who has, in his 30 years of life, crowded experiences more than sufficient to satisfy most men.

The charge against him, to which he pleaded guilty, was that of disobeying an order, served on him in October 1915 by the competent military authority under the Defence of the Realm Regulations. "It was Mr. Muskett who, prosecuting on behalf of the police, revealed Hinde's 'extraordinary career,' as he called it. Hinde was, he said, a man of great ability, with a special gift of languages. In 1915, while passing under the name of Major Garrett, he was deported by order of the General Commanding Officer at Malta; but in August of the same year he was arrested on his way to a place called Dedagach, in Bulgaria, was put on board a ship by the authorities as an undesirable, to be sent back to England, and was landed at Liverpool in September. He was brought to London, where he was questioned by the Commissioner of Police. In his replies he said he was educated at Rugby, and had travelled a great deal in Africa, and other countries. While in Zanzibar he made a special study of the Arabic language, which he mastered. He denied that he had been convicted of deserting from the South African Constabulary, but admitted that he had escaped from prison while undergoing a term for house-breaking at Nairobi. He had also been sentenced at Tangier for maliciously shooting a man.

A CONVERT TO ISLAM.

In Morocco he was received as a convert to Islam, after which he travelled in Mohammedan countries, and was admitted to secret societies. He then went on a pilgrimage to Mecca. He suggested that if the English authorities would allow him to go to America he could obtain for them valuable information, but he was told by the Commissioner of Police that he would not be allowed to leave the country during the war. He agreed to take up his residence in Bath, and an order was accordingly served on him to live there.

In defiance of that order Hinde disappeared from Bath within three weeks, and was entirely lost sight of by the police until December, 1915, when Inspector McNamara, C.I.D., received a postcard from him from a place in Texas, wishing him a merry Christmas. He was next heard of by a notification received at the Foreign Office from the United States Government, to the effect that he was detained in Mexico, and was about to be deported to the United States. He was put on board a ship bound for England, and was landed at Liverpool on July 27. On arrival at Scotland, Yard he gave a long account of his movements since his disappearance from Bath.

In passing sentence Mr. Garrett said he regarded Hinde, in view of his record as a source of danger to the country.

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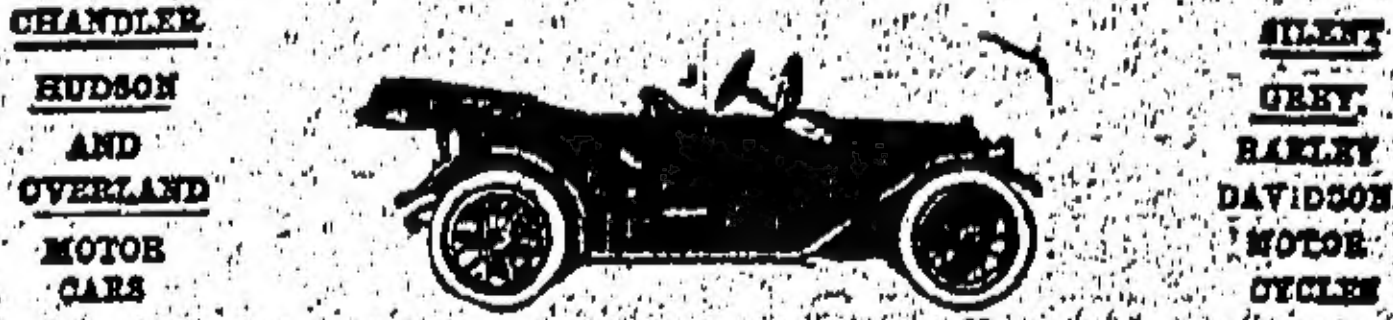
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Troops have had to surround and disarm Lung Chai Kwong's recruits who have been causing the interruption of traffic on the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

Bishop Charles Henry Brent, of the Philippines, has been made Major in the American Expeditionary Force in France, and is to have charge of the Protestant chaplains of the Army at the front.

We gather from the agenda for the next meeting of the Sanitary Board that Mr. S. W. To has been appointed by the Government to be a member of the Sanitary Board in place of Mr. Ng Hon-tsz.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. Leslie James Blackburn to be a Temporary 2nd Lieutenant in the Hongkong Defence Corps, with effect from the 7th Oct., 1918.

THE DOOM OF THE HOBENZOLLEERN.

THE rumour of the Kaiser's abdication which have reached Stockholm seem too good to be true, just yet. It may come to pass, for there is no obscuring the fact that the overtures for peace have raised the question of the future of the Hohenzollern Dynasty, as well as the future of the House of Hapsburg. The Governments of the Central Powers, President Wilson declared a fortnight ago, "have convinced us that they are without honour and do not intend justice. They observe no covenants, accept no principle, but force and their own interest. We cannot come to terms with them. They have made it impossible." The "offer of Peace" has come, not from a representative parliament of the people of Germany, but from the KAISER. The "All Highest" himself has proclaimed the fact, and by so doing he has exposed himself to a humiliating rebuff. His position as the Head of the State has become untenable. He has forfeited the respect of foreign nations, and it is very probable that he has forfeited the confidence of millions of his subjects. They will see in the present aspect of the war the falsification of all the boastful assurances by which the KAISER has secured support for a war which is now seen to be destined to overwhelm Germany in disaster irretrievably for generations. It was long ago predicted that the enemy's peace effort would be more than generous to the Allies than his arms. "Kaiserism will be like a beaten bully, screaming, weeping to escape the final punishment; and wailing repentance while trying at the same time to keep an agonised clutch on the swing." That situation has now arrived, but it happily finds the Allied peoples absolutely united in the demand for substantial proofs that the repentance professed is sincere. They are convinced that the only foundation for peace is absolute victory and that only upon that foundation will it be possible to rear the edifice of constructive justice. They have absolutely no use for the KAISER as the architect, and his abdication in favour of some one other than the Crown Prince, who will reign not as a Military Autocrat but as a Constitutional Sovereign—if a Republic is out of the question—would be signal advance towards the conditions demanded as a preliminary to Peace discussions.

THE DOOM OF THE HOBENZOLLEERN.

DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.

DIPHTHERIA is usually contracted when the child has a cold. The cold prepares the child's system for the reception and development of the diphtheria germs. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighbourhood children that have colds should be kept at home and off the street until recovered. Give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they will not have to remain at home long. It also cleans out the culture bed, which form in a child's throat when it has a cold, and minimizes the risk of contracting infectious diseases. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

NEW MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. DODWELL APPOINTED.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Mr. Stanley Hudson Dodwell to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence, from the Colony of the Honourable Mr. Edward Shellim or until further notice.

THE CEREBROSPINAL FEVER EPIDEMIC.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, pursuant to notice, will ask at the meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday:

- Has the Medical Expert on Cerebro-Spinal Fever made any reports or recommendations to the Government with reference to the prevention or treatment of this disease? If so, will the Head of the Sanitary Department ask the Government to communicate such reports and recommendations to the Board?
- Do the Head of the Sanitary Department and Medical Officer of Health propose to take any (and, if any, what?) special steps with a view to preventing a recurrence of this disease in epidemic form during the coming winter, in addition to the ordinary routine of cleansing and disinfection?

General Gouraud, who has added to his laurels in the recent fighting, was the youngest man in the French Army to attain to the rank of general. He was badly wounded soon after going to the Dardanelles to succeed General Amade.

AN AID TO DIGESTION.

WHEN you have a fullness and weight in the stomach, after eating you may know that you have eaten too much, and should take one of Chamberlain's Tablets to aid your digestion. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE GENERAL MILITARY SERVICE FORCE OF HONGKONG.

INSURANCE OF MEN ENROLLED.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that the following arrangements have been made for the insurance of men whose names appear in the Gazette as being deemed to have been enrolled in and to belong to the General Military Service Force of Hongkong:

- Each married man, having a wife of pure European descent, is insured against death in the sum of £2,000.
- Each married man, having a wife not of pure European descent, is insured against death in the sum of £1,000.
- No part of this sum of £2,000 or £1,000, as the case may be, may be bequeathed by will or otherwise. Its allocation is in the sole discretion of the Government; and it is the intention that the whole sum shall be applied in making provision for the wife and children if any. Any representations as to the disposition of the money, that the man insured may wish to make, will receive careful consideration.
- Each unmarried man is insured against death in the sum of £1,000.
- This sum or any part of it may be bequeathed by will. In the event of the man insured dying intestate the money will be dealt with under the law of intestate succession.
- In the event of disablement a gratuity, based upon the degree of disablement, will be paid.
- The amount of the gratuity, which will in no case exceed the sum in which the man disabled is insured, will be assessed by the Treasurer and one Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, who will be guided by the medical certificate issued by the Military Authorities, and, as far as possible, by the Army rules regarding disablement. The amount of gratuity recommended will be referred to the Governor in Council, whose decision in the matter will be final.
- The foregoing rules take effect, as regards each individual man, from the date on which he leaves the Colony for the purpose of proceeding upon active service. The rules will continue to apply to each man until the date on which he is entitled to his discharge from the Army at the end of the present war. They will not apply to a man who continues to serve in the Army after he is entitled to his discharge.
- Any payments under these rules will be made from and in addition to any payments under Army Rules.
- If death or disablement occurs through a man's own fault or not as a result of his military duties, the Governor in Council may withhold the whole or any part of the payment provided for under these rules.
- All payments under these rules will be made out of the current revenues of the Colony.
- The Governor in Council shall, in his sole discretion, decide any question that may arise regarding the application, or interpretation of these rules.

It is notified in the Gazette that the following persons shall, as from the 11th inst., be deemed to have been enrolled in, and to belong to, the General Military Service Force of Hongkong:—Percy Richard Glendinning, and Joseph Douglas Birrell.

Miss Martha Hunter-Hos Hing, a Chinese woman doctor, has just been elected house surgeon at the Alexandra Hospital for Children, Dyke-road, Brighton. Miss Hos Hing, who is L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Edinburgh, and L.R.F.P.S., Glasgow, has been in England about seven years, and took her diploma in 1916. She has a brother in the British Army.

The new Governor of Macao (Senhor Arthur Tamagino de Barbosa) and Lady Barbosa reached Hongkong from Portugal yesterday and the Portuguese Community of Hongkong held a reception in their honour last evening at the Portuguese Club when over 800 people were present. Mr. de Sousa (the Consul) and Mrs. de Sousa, Mr. Silva-Netto (President of the Club) and Mrs. Silva-Netto, and the Club Committee formally received the distinguished visitors.

LADY MAY'S ROSE FUND.

LIST No. 2.

Already acknowledged.....\$2,038.50
H. E. Mr. C. Severn, C.M.G. 100.00
Major D. Macdonald..... 50.00
Anderson, Meyer & Co..... 50.00
Mrs. Dowbiggin..... 25.00
Mrs. Stanley M. Mayes..... 10.00
Colonel Han..... 25.00
Lo Cheung-shu..... 25.00
Ho Wing..... 25.00
Ho Kwong..... 25.00
Yong Lan-sang..... 25.00
Fung Ping-shan..... 25.00
Li Po-kwai..... 20.00
Chan Tung-sun..... 20.00
R. H. Kotwall..... 20.00
Lau Tak-poo..... 20.00
Lau In-chung..... 20.00
Choy Chong..... 20.00
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Lo Chung-wan..... 20.00
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Tong Sai-keung..... 20.00
Look Poon-sun..... 20.00
Ko Yik-kam..... 20.00
Lau Yik-hauk..... 20.00
Au-yung Chan-ting..... 20.00
Ip Li-kong..... 20.00
Ho On-sun..... 20.00
Chan Cheuk-ting..... 20.00

Total \$3,076.50

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club was held in the Club pavilion yesterday afternoon. Mr. P. M. Hodgson presided over a good attendance including Major Hammond, Messrs. C. B. Brown, R. P. Thurnfield, R. Kennedy, M. Mass, F. H. Thomas, H. A. Niebet, C. A. Hooper, P. Jacks and D. E. Donnelly.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, The Committee's Report and the Statement of Accounts for the past season have been in your hands for some time and with your permission I will take them as read. Your Committee consider, and I am sure you will agree, that the accounts are highly satisfactory, particularly in view of a falling off of subscriptions and entrance fees and the very high cost of material. You will observe that \$2,000 has been written off the pavilion which now stands at \$7,000. Certain repairs and renewals have been effected, but owing to the heavy cost of building materials, I may say that your Committee have long had in view the necessity of increasing the accommodation in the pavilion by adding a further story adding fully equipped bath-room and generally making the pavilion more attractive and comfortable, but the lack of money has been the difficulty. Your Committee have felt it their duty to the debenture holders to pay off debentures whenever opportunity arose, as for fifteen years only eleven debentures were paid off. Now I am glad to say over half of the 800 issued have been redeemed. When the War is over and membership increases we should with careful management soon attain a position of financial strength such as to enable us to carry out our pavilion scheme and at the same time offer greater facilities and comfort to members. Our President, Mr. Maitland, is now on his way back to the Colony. You will have an opportunity of electing a President for the season shortly and although Mr. Maitland has expressed a desire to retire in favour of a younger member I do not think that as long as Mr. Maitland is available we desire to look for another President. Our thanks are due to Mr. Maitland for generously presenting the Club before he went away with his five debentures. The War, which I am glad to say looks within reasonable distance of coming to an end with complete victory for the Allies, has, I am sorry to say, claimed more of our members and we have to deeply regret the loss of Mr. C. F. Cunningham, Mr. J. B. Gresson, Mr. H. I. Jones, and Mr. Arthur, all members of this club. Mr. Arthur was probably the finest wicket-keeper who ever performed on this ground. Mr. H. I. Jones will be remembered for the great assistance he gave us in the many concerts held on this ground.

With reference to the coming season an attractive fixture list has been arranged and although the Club may be able to put in the field a good representative team your Committee considered that it would not be in the interests of the playing members to enter for the Cricket League this year. The Tennis Tournament was a great success last season and War Charities benefited therefrom to the extent of \$2,000. It is hoped to restart the Tournament this season very much earlier.

The report and accounts were adopted. Mr. F. Maitland was re-elected President. Mr. P. M. Hodgson was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Mr. C. B. Brown Hon. Treasurer.

The Committee for the year comprises: Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.; Messrs. T. E. Pearce, H. A. Nisbet, Major Robertson, Messrs. R. P. Thurnfield, M. Mass, R. Kennedy, and F. H. Thomas. Mr. D. E. Donnelly takes the place of Mr. R. H. Hancock.

The Chairman observed that the re-election for three years of the same Committee showed the confidence reposed in them by the members.

The report and accounts were adopted.

REGISTRATION OF AMERICANS IN THE FAR EAST.

The American Consul General has received instructions indicating that registration of Americans in China and Japan, and apparently in the Far East generally, under the Selective Service Act of June 5, 1917, is more or less voluntary although the Government retains control of American citizens through its passport regulations. It is provided, however, by the Army authorities that local boards will take no action concerning any registrants who on June 5, 1917, were in China or Japan and registered by mail or by representative in the United States.

Persons thus registered, however, must report to their local boards immediately on their arrival in the United States.

No detailed instructions as to the new law governing selective service have been received.

SUNSHINE AND COMMON SENSE.

DON'T doctor your blood for rheumatism. Use an external application of Chamberlain's Pain-Balm. In a few days it will get you up and into the sunshine. Nature will restore the rich red blood to your veins and soon rid the system of this rheumatic disease. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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CHINA AND SILVER.

NEED FOR STOPPING THE EXPORT.

The Peking Correspondent of the China Press writes:—Some time ago the Chinese Government asked the Diplomatic Body whether it would give its consent to the establishment by the Government of an embargo on the export of silver. This procedure was suggested in view of the fact that with the establishment of an embargo there would in all probability be an increased export of silver from China, a condition that would only add to the financial embarrassment of the country. The Diplomatic Body discussed the matter three days ago, but reached no decision, as some of the ministers declined to commit themselves without instructions from their home Governments.

It has been freely stated that the authorities at the Japanese Legation are opposed to the proposed embargo, but I am informed that this is not the case. The authorities there have a quite open mind on the subject and have submitted the question without prejudice to the authorities in Tokio, but as yet have received no reply. The fact that there is as yet no reply is believed to be due to the natural desire amongst the responsible authorities in Tokio to take no decision just at a moment when a change in Government is impending.

The importance of the silver question is only partly indicated by the exchange quotations. From the very commencement of foreign intercourse with China there has been a fear on the part of the Chinese that there would be a drain of silver. One of the arguments used by the Chinese against the opium traffic a century ago was that it drained the country of silver. Chinese official documents stating the drain at 10,000,000 per annum. Mr. Morse, in the course of a careful examination, has shown that in all probability the movement of silver at that time was inward; but in recent years undoubtedly the general movement has been outward. The following table shows the value of silver entering and leaving the treaty ports since the beginning of the century, and the balance on each year's trade:

Year.	Imports value in Hk. Tls.	Exports value in Hk. Tls.	Balance in Hk. Tls.
1901	14,362,496	20,460,298	6
1902	18,437,479	32,282,133	13
1903	23,001,165	29,046,532	6
1904	33,518,638	37,128,368	14
1905	31,428,734	38,634,911	7
1906	19,332,738	38,010,606	19
1907	7,069,620	38,277,750	31
1908	20,116,602	32,383,518	12
1909	50,864,038	24,923,671	6
1910	44,598,634	22,803,887	22
1911	61,082,857	22,776,955	40
1912	45,098,257	25,849,645	20
1913	55,711,490	18,745,123	26
1914	16,498,744	36,121,680	14
1915	20,717,606	36,068,680	19
1916	27,088,520	66,766,446	28
1917	27,507,292	46,480,390	21

*Import surpluses shown in black type.

From the above it may be seen that whilst the import of silver during the present century has amounted in value to Hk. Tls. 496,000,000, the export has amounted to Hk. Tls. 565,000,000, which gives an average annual drain from China of a little over Hk. Tls. 4,000,000. It is likely that with an embargo on export from the United States there would be an increased demand from China, and thus the drain would become heavier. It is to prevent the possibility of this that the Government is seeking for the consent of the Treaty Powers to the imposition of an embargo. If the embargo were imposed, then no export could take place except under special license from the Inspector-General of Customs, which practically means that there would be no purchase from China, except on account of Allied Governments.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

Features of last year in British North Borneo are given by the assistant Commissioner of Customs as follows:

- (1) Japanese and Australian merchant vessels calling at Sandakan regularly and the former also going to Tawau direct monthly from Japan—Formosa, from June onwards.
- (2) Formosan coolies brought direct to Tawau for the Japanese estates, and the growth of these estates and Japanese holdings generally.
- (3) A Chinese Sauce factory, was started on Gaya Island opposite to Jesselton for manufacture of Chinese Ketchup from local products.
- (4) The closing down of the British Borneo Petroleum Company and the granting of a sub-concession of its rights to the Buhara Mining Company, a Japanese Syndicate, which is now prospecting for oil in the Territory generally.
- (5) The entry of the firm of Harrison and Goodfield, Ltd., who are eventually to take over in this State the business of Messrs. Darby and Co.

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THE GERMAN NOTE.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S INQUIRIES.

The following is the text of the Note by the U.S. Secretary of State to the Swiss Charge d'Affaires which is referred to in to-day's cables:—

Department of State,
October 8th 1918.

Sir:—I have the honour to acknowledge on behalf of the President, your Note of October 5th, enclosing a communication from the German Government to the President; and I am instructed by the President to request you to make the following communication to the Imperial German Chancellor:—

Before making reply to the request of the Imperial German Government, and in order that that reply shall be as candid and straightforward as the momentous interests involved requires, the President of the United States deems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the Note of the Imperial Chancellor. Does the Imperial German Government accept the terms laid down by the President in his Address of the Congress of the United States on the eighth of January last and in subsequent Addresses, and that its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon the practical details of their application?

The President feels bound to say with regard to the suggestion of an Armistice that he would not feel at liberty to propose a cessation of arms to the Governments with which the Government of the United States is associated against the Central Powers so long as the armies of those Powers are upon their soil. The good faith of any discussion would manifestly depend upon the consent of the Central Powers immediately to withdraw their forces everywhere from the invaded territory.

The President also feels that he is justified in asking whether the Imperial Chancellor is speaking merely for the constituted authorities of the Empire who have so far conducted the war. He deems the answer to these questions vital from every point of view.

"Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration."

(Signed), ROBERT LANSING.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-fifth ordinary general meeting is as follows:—

The General Managers beg to submit to the shareholders their report on the thirty-fifth year's working of the Company, ending 30th June 1918.

After paying all running expenses, Docking Charges, Premiums of Insurance, Bonus to Officers of steamers, and making provision for the amount due to H.M. Government on the working of steamers under the Hongkong Liner Requisition Scheme, the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$448,812.64, out of which an Interim Dividend of 8 per cent, amounting, \$80,000, was paid in April last, and subject to approval of shareholders, it is proposed to appropriate the Balance of \$368,812.64, as follows:

To pay a Final Dividend of 4% (\$2.00 per share) .. \$40,000.00
To pay a Bonus of 10% (\$5 per share) .. 100,000.00
To place to credit of the Reserve Fund .. 70,000.00
To place to credit of Underwriting Account .. 60,000.00
\$368,812.64

The *Haiyang* and *Haiyang* have been under requisition for Imperial Service during the year and the *Haiyang* and *Haiyang* under Government Control since April last.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton and Mr. Robert Shewan resigned on leaving the Colony, their places being filled by the Hon. Mr. David Landale and Mr. William Adamson.

The Committee now consists of Mr. William Adamson, Hon. Mr. David Landale, and Mr. A. O. Lang, who retire but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. A. H. Lowe and G. Bernard Brown who retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

DOUGLAS LATHRICK & CO.

General Managers.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

THE NEW ALLIED LINE.

LONDON, Oct. 9.

The Allied line now runs as follows:—We hold Abancourt, north of Cambrai, Ramillies, Escoudouvres, Avoingt, Bery and Busigny, the possession of the last two places being doubtful. We reached the western edge of Bohain, the western edge of Fresnoy, the west of Ronnoime, and thence our line runs due south to Metziers. We have gone through all the enemy's fortified zones in this area. The situation is growing in interest very rapidly owing to the huge salients which are growing hourly, consequently lengthening the line which the Germans must hold. There is no news regarding where the German retreat is likely to stop.

The fighting today was with only weak rear-guard. Yesterday, the enemy employed 23 Divisions on a 20-mile front and vainly strove to beat back our attacks. As a consequence he was hammered in fair fight and the present retreat was forced upon him.

In the Argonne, the Franco-American attacks are progressing, but there are no details.

11,000 PRISONERS.

LONDON, Oct. 9.

Reuters learns that yesterday between Cambrai and St. Quentin the Allies captured 11,000 prisoners and over 200 guns. We now practically hold the Cambrai-St. Quentin railway.

The maximum advance reached a depth of five miles at Berty on the Le Cateau Road, at 5 a.m. to-day.

AERIAL ACTIVITIES.

LONDON, Oct. 9.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—Our air squadrons are active on the whole front and are keeping in close touch with our advancing troops.

Smoke curtains were dropped around the enemy's strong points and proved of great value.

Our aeroplanes, with bombs and machine-gun fire, scattered the infantry and transport.

They dropped 21 tons of bombs and destroyed 40 aeroplanes. They drove down two out of control.

Seven British machines are missing. Our night-fliers dropped 234 tons of bombs on railway communications and hit and derailed two trains. They started several large fires in the rail-siding.

All our machines returned.

A STEADY ADVANCE.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—

We continued to advance yesterday evening against gradually increasing resistance and, early in the night, our advanced detachments established themselves across the Cambrai-Le Cateau road, within two miles of Le Cateau.

Fighting is proceeding to the south of the main road on both sides of Caudry, also to the east of Cambrai where we progressed.

Between the Scarpe and Lens our patrols are pushing forward and are in touch with the enemy.

To the west the general line runs, Vieux-en-Artois-Izelle-Zoucheville-Rouvry.

We took possession of Sallaumines and Noyelles.

ENEMY SUFFERS HEAVY DEFEAT.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—

We inflicted a heavy defeat on the enemy yesterday between St. Quentin and Cambrai, taking over 10,000 prisoners and between 100 to 200 guns. No fewer than 23 German Divisions, engaged on this front, were severely handled.

As a result of this action we advanced today on the whole front between the Somme and the Senese, rapidly progressing to the east and capturing the enemy rear-guard detachments and isolated batteries and machine-gun posts.

A number of inhabitants, left in the captured villages, met us with enthusiasm.

The whole of Cambrai is in our possession. The Canadians of the First Army entered Cambrai from the north in the early morning, while later, the English of the Third Army pushed through the southern portions of the town.

Since August 21st, the British First, Third and Fourth Armies have broken through the whole of the elaborate series of deep defensive zones, built up of successive belts and heavily fortified with trench-lines, including the entire Hindenburg system, on a front of 35 miles from St. Quentin to Arras.

Having penetrated this battle-area to a depth of between 30 to 40 miles, we are now operating far beyond and to the east of the Hindenburg defences.

During these operations, and since the date mentioned, we have inflicted very heavy losses in killed and wounded and have taken over 110,000 prisoners and 1,200 guns.

FURIOUS ATTACKS BY BRITISH AND FRENCH.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

A French communiqué states:—Furious Anglo-French attacks for several days past, north and south of St. Quentin, forced a general German retreat in that region to-day.

Our First Army pursued the enemy rearwards between the Somme and the Oise, everywhere shattering local resistance and taking prisoners.

East of the St. Quentin-Le Cateau railway we held the Etaves wood, and the Beutrenz village.

Further south we passed Fossoime, reached Fontaine-Notre-Dame and captured Marcy.

North of the Oise we occupied Metziers-sur-Oise.

Our advance is eight kilometres east of St. Quentin.

We have taken up to the present 2,000 prisoners, also guns and numerous machine-guns.

North of the Arnes we repulsed violent counter-attacks and approached nearer to Cauroy.

Our attacks on the Aisne valley have given us satisfactory results.

We captured the plateau and village of Mont Cheutin, between Grandham and Lancoon, and crossed the Aisne to the north-east of Mont Cheutin. We captured Senne, on the north-bank, after a stiff fight, taking 600 prisoners, guns and machine-guns.

Unfavourable weather, on October 8th, restricted our air operations. Three of the enemy machines were brought down and 2 balloons set on fire. The weather improved at night and our bombers dropped 26 tons of bombs on several stations and the railways connecting them.

PURSUIT OF ENEMY CONTINUED.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

A French communiqué states:—The pursuit of the enemy continued during the night east of St. Quentin.

We occupied Landricourt Wood and passed on to Beaurieux and Fontaine-Notre-Dame.

North of the Aisne we vigorously pressed the enemy.

East of Oisel we held the plateau of Croix-aux-Trites.

We crossed the Aisne Canal further to the east in the neighbourhood of Villers-en-Pyrenees.

In Champagne, a vigorous attack enabled us to capture Liry and to take prisoners.

BATTLE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

Reuters's Correspondent at the French Headquarters, telegraphing on October 9th, states:—

From St. Quentin to Weverle the battle today progressed satisfactorily.

To the east of St. Quentin General Debenedy's troops, after a bitter struggle, broke through the enemy line which, from Harly to Neuville, had been converted into a solid fortress.

On the extreme right, General Gouraud's army, in Champagne, by its attack to the west of Argonne, has given us the possession of Vaux-la-Moutonne, which is practically in the mouth of the Grandpre Valley.

To the north of the Arne the Germans are counter-attacking to regain yesterday's lost ground.

Everywhere the fighting is of the hardest. The Germans realise that the key to the whole manœuvre is in the centre between St. Quentin and the Aisne, where four German armies, crowded into a narrow space, are menaced by the Allied Armies, north and east of the St. Gobain forest and the Aisne plateau in which the Germans deemed themselves to be safe against any attack.

ENEMY RESISTANCE IN CHAMPAGNE.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

Reuters's Correspondent at the French Headquarters, telegraphing at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, states:—

The Germans, in Champagne, are still holding tenaciously but have been driven back at several important points.

The Germans, on both sides of St. Quentin, are retreating before the British and French.

In the centre, five miles east of St. Quentin, the French are in the Wotan line of the German secondary defence system.

The enemy has evidently abandoned the idea of making an effective stand in the Wotan defences which are partly in the possession of the French.

CAMBRAI IN FLAMES.

PARIS, Oct. 10.

The British were surprised to find that Cambrai was in comparatively good condition, but from 10 a.m. on October 9th there were a series of explosions near the Cathedral owing to the blowing up of German mines. Fires broke out simultaneously and soon the streets near the Cathedral and the Place d'Armes formed an enormous brazier. The Cathedral itself was damaged but not by fire. Rained by a wind the configuration soon reached the other parts of the town. The explosions are continuing.

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BRITISH CAVALRY NEARING LE CATEAU.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

Reuters learns that the British cavalry are in the suburbs of Le Cateau.

RUMOURED ABDICATION OF KAISER.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 10.

There is a persistent rumour here that the Kaiser has abdicated.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S REPLY.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT.

The *Daily Chronicle* states:—"If President Wilson's preliminary engagements are answered in full a statement was doubtless made after consultation with the Allies and it will naturally embody much more than the foreseen points which are partly out of date. President Wilson makes it clear that there will be no armistice or negotiations till we have something more than the perfunctory Hohenzollerns to negotiate with."

The *Daily Telegraph* states:—"Are you honest?" is the meaning President Wilson expressed in his smooth sentences with iron steel in their texture. It is a polite way of telling Germany and Austria to take their blood-stained hands off every victim. The Allies will not tolerate bluff. If Germany wants an armistice she must sue as a loser."

The *Morning Post* states that President Wilson gauged the temper of his own people and the Allies rightly in refusing to come to terms with the enemy still on French and Belgian soil, still boasting and still unrepentant.

The *Daily News* states that the reply was assured of unanimous endorsement in every Allied country, and a record of Germany's good faith would be her withdrawal from invaded territory. To comply meant a frank confession of defeat; to resist was to take the road to ruin. "No answer, except a plain 'yes' would be given value. A plain 'no' and war would take its course."

The *Daily Express* states that it is the Reichstag, and not the Kaiser, which must answer President Wilson. The *Daily Mail* states:—"President Wilson's determination to leave the questions of military importance to the High Command, which means Generalissimo Foch, is one he shares with Lincoln. The reply confirms his complete unity with the Allies."

The *Times* states:—"The firm and wise reply is characteristic of President Wilson's sincerity and clearness of thought. His expression eliminates all ideas of an armistice as a preliminary, and the discussion does not promise an armistice even if Germany evacuates invaded territory. The evacuation is the first, but certainly not the only, condition before the consideration of an armistice is possible."

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

PARIS, Oct. 10.

The Press unanimously welcome the tone and substance of President Wilson's reply and state that the Government is unreservedly congratulating itself on it. The papers emphasise that the waiting world will again see that good faith is the only rule inspiring the whole of the Allies.

As regards the Germans' next move the *Temps* adds that perhaps the wording of Germany's reply will exempt Austria-Hungary to whom President Wilson has wisely abstained from replying.

AMERICAN PRESS COMMENT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.

The American Press comment on President Wilson's reply generally emphasises that there can be no negotiations without an unconditional surrender, although President Wilson has cleverly thrown back the German insincerity on the enemy Governments who are now left without the desired excuse that it asked vainly for peace upon President Wilson's own conditions. Germany is consequently now wallowing in a terrible diplomatic hole and is bereft of any useful home propaganda.

ITALIAN COMMENT.

ROME, Oct. 10.

President Wilson's reply expresses wholeheartedly what the Entente Governments desired. The Central Powers must now show by their deeds that the proposed armistice is inspired by good faith.

LABOUR PARTY'S RESOLUTION.

LONDON, Oct. 9.

A joint meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress and the National Executive of the Labour Party has passed a resolution stating that further elucidation of the German Peace offer was absolutely necessary before the Allies' military effort could be checked. As an essential preliminary the Central Powers must withdraw their armies from all occupied territory and publicly and unequivocally declare their willingness to apply President Wilson's principles honestly and unreservedly to every question to be dealt with in the final settlement.

BULGARIA AND TURKEY.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

There are unconfirmed reports that General Mackensen is at Belgrade with a large Austro-German force, and also, that the Porte has been informed that a Bulgarian attack on Turkey, in co-operation with the Allies, might be expected.

AUSTRIA'S EAGERNESS FOR PEACE.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

There are numerous indications of Austria's eagerness for peace.

A rumour in Vienna, that an armistice had been concluded on all fronts, compelled the Government to issue a warning against premature hopes.

Meanwhile the German National Council in Austria is urging against a separate peace and demanding the creation of an independent German and Austrian State.

It is reported that the Ministerial Council in Vienna has decided to introduce national autonomy in order to meet President Wilson's stipulation.

GERMANY CONTRITE.

BERNE, Oct. 10.

Germany has promised to punish the airman who burned the Swiss balloon and pay compensation.

GERMANS FORTIFYING ANTWERP.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 10.

It is reliably reported that the fortifications around Antwerp are being enormously strengthened. The Germans are feverishly strengthening themselves on two sides of a triangle, with Termonde as the apex and Antwerp and Brussels as the bases.

REVOLT IN BRUGES.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 10.

Les Nouvelles states that the population of Bruges revolted against the attempts of the Germans to carry out deportations. The German soldiers killed and wounded many inhabitants.

DUTCH SOLDIERS' LEAVE SUSPENDED.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 10.

In the Second Chamber, the Premier announced that in view of military developments in Belgium leave to soldiers in Zealand is suspended. Similar measures will be taken in other Dutch provinces if necessary.

GERMAN DEVASTATION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.

A despatch from the American Ambassador at Paris is published dwelling on the German devastation and well-poisoning in the ruined districts of France, which he visited.

THE NEW KING OF FINLAND.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 10.

The Finnish Landtag has elected Prince Friedrich Karl, second cousin to the Kaiser, King of Finland. The Republicans did not vote.

THE OPERATIONS IN PALESTINE.

75,000 PRISONERS.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

A Palestine communiqué states:—French and British warships entered the port of Beyrout on October 10 and found the town evacuated.

The Anglo-Indian infantry occupied the place on October 10 and were received with enthusiasm.

The prisoners now total 75,000, and not more than 17,000 of the Turkish Fourth, Seventh and Eighth Armies escaped, including 4,000 effective rifles.

THE NEW SPANISH CABINET.

MADRID, Oct. 10.

It is officially announced that all members of the Cabinet remain in office except Senor Alba, Minister for Public Instruction, whom Count Romanones succeeds.

Premier Maun becomes also Minister for Justice.

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THE HARBOUR RACE.

EASY VICTORY FOR A. LOGAN.

The annual Harbour Race, held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, was contested yesterday evening, and resulted in an easy victory for the favourite—A. Logan.

That the event had lost none of its popularity was evidenced by the large crowd of spectators which occupied every vantage point, both on the Hongkong and Kowloon sides.

All the necessary arrangements had been carefully carried out and this, coupled with favourable weather conditions, left nothing to be desired from the competitors' point of view.

There were twelve starters, viz:—Messrs. A. Logan, A. V. Barros, D. Laing, R. Lee, D. Lyon, G. M. Boase, Lam Ping Yin, C. Chou, S. A. Marcel, R. Tutum, Sergt. Strange, R.A.M.C., and Br. Moody, R.C.A.

Logan justified the opinions expressed before the race, that he would win, and Lyon, who was also not without supporters, swam a plucky race and finished second.

The swimmers got away at about ten minutes past five and in a very short time it was seen that Logan had the race in his hand. His judgment as to course was a great factor in his success, and it was only due to Lyon's shortcomings in this direction that he did not give the winner a hard fight.

The remaining competitors were carried considerably out of the course, five not finishing. All credit is due to the men who finished for with the exception of the winner, they had a long swim to make up for the leeway, practically having to fight the current from well below the Naval Yard. The result was as follows:—

A. Logan 1st 29 mins. 13 secs.
D. Lyon 2nd 32 " 43 "
A. V. Barros 3rd 33 " 58 "
S. A. Marcel 4th 34 " 08 "
D. Laing 5th
R. Lee 6th
T. M. Ross 7th

Mr. R. E. Bellios in presenting the prizes, after briefly referring to the antecedents of the Victoria Recreation Club and its part in the Harbour Race said he would like to see the V.R.C. not only the premier swimming Club of Hongkong but of Shanghai, Japan, England and elsewhere.

Thanks are expressed by officials for the use of a launch kindly provided by Mr. R. M. Dyer, for the donation of the prizes by Mr. C. E. M. Gurnley, and sports for competitors who finished by Messrs. Ullmann & Co., and the provision of programmes by the B.A.T. Company (arranged by Mr. Alves).

By these donations it was possible to make the race self-supporting.

The officials were:—Starter, Mr. A. A. Alves; Judges, Lieut. Hall, Messrs. A. F. B. Silva-Netto, W. Logan, R. E. Bellios; Time Keepers, Messrs. A. E. S. Alves, G. W. Avenell, D. K. Blair and W. Anderson.

Mr. A. McKirdy, the Hon. Secretary of the Club, supervised the arrangements generally and his energy greatly contributed to the smooth running of the event.

"OUR DAY," 1918.

A FRIENDLY CONTEST IN GIVING.

The following is taken from *The Times*:—

Always in previous years "Our Day" has provided occasion for what might be described as friendly contest in generosity between people at home and overseas—a contest in which hundreds of friends of the Red Cross overseas have held the lead. This year on "Our Day" (October 24) there are signs that the organizers of the Red Cross appeal at home are going to make a pig "push" to pull down, if not to eliminate, the overseas margin.

"Our Day" contribution of £1,036,789 in 1918, overseas contributions amounted to 259,268; those from home sources to 246,522. In the 1918 total of £1,210,377 the proportions were: overseas, 259,412; home, 237,773; and last year a total of £1,577,888 was made up of: overseas, £1,668,934; and home, 2769,351. The overseas givers had last year, therefore, a very substantial lead. Many special efforts are, however, being made at home this year, and it will be extremely interesting to see how the final totals compare. These special efforts include, for instance, a big money "drive" in the City of London, and numerous other "features" additional to the organization of previous years.

At the same time equally energetic efforts on behalf of the Red Cross are being arranged overseas. The special Red Cross fund which has been sent abroad has already been mentioned. And there are plenty of other things; all the usual plans are already in train for adequate supplies of flags, souvenirs, baubles, and so forth. Concerts, fêtes, entertainments, bazaars, and other functions will be held in many places abroad, and able organizers everywhere are devising new and attractive methods of enforcing the urgency of Red Cross needs and making the appeal for the sick and wounded more and more widely known and compelling.

That all these activities are sure to meet a big measure of success is already apparent from the message reaching the Red Cross Headquarters, 83, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1, from overseas. Five and there a warning note such as "whether friends will respond so generously as previously. It rather troubled us to see how the final totals compare. But in the main the prospect is that the collections will come up to the sum collected on former occasions."

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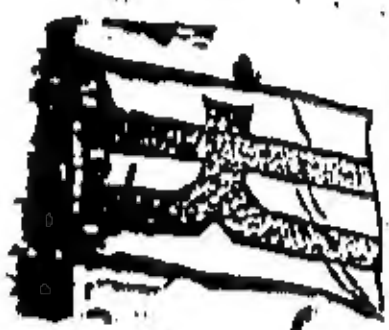
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JERUSALEM'S NEW WATER SUPPLY.

A TRIUMPH FOR THE ROYAL ENGINEERS.

(From W. T. Massey.)

JERUSALEM, July 26.

It is doubtful whether the population of any city within the zones of war has produced so much at the hands of the company as that of Jerusalem. In a little more than half a year a wonderful change has been effected in the condition of the people.

One of the biggest blows upon the Turkish Government of the city was the total failure to provide an adequate water supply. What they could not, or would not, do in their rule of 400 years, His Majesty's Royal Engineers accomplished in a little more than two months. The picturesque water-carrier is passing into the limbo of forgotten things. The Germans that filled his leather water-bags will no longer endanger the lives of the citizens, and the deadly perils which lurk in eastern water, have been to a large extent removed.

For its water Jerusalem used to rely usually upon the winter rainfall to fill its cisterns. Practically every house has its underground reservoir. But many had fallen into disrepair, and most of them required thorough cleaning. To supplement the cisterns supply the Mosque of Omar reservoir halved with Bethlehem the water which flowed from near Solomon's Pool down an aqueduct constructed by Roman engineers under Herod before the Saviour was born. This was not nearly sufficient, nor was it an adequate supply as that provided by the Army engineers. They went further afield. They found a group of spring-heads in an absolutely clean gathering ground on the hills yielding some 14,000 gallons an hour, and this water, which was running to waste, is lifted to the top of a hill from which it flows by gravity through a long pipe line into Jerusalem. Supplies run direct to the hospitals, and at standpipes all over the city, the inhabitants take as much as they desire. The water consumption of the people has become 10 times what it was last year.

The scheme does not stop at putting up standpipes for those who will fetch the water. The water level of the cisterns is low, and as they are getting emptied, the authorities arrange for refilling them on the condition that they are first thoroughly cleaned out and put in order. A householder has merely to apply to the Military Governor for water, and a sanitary officer inspects the cistern, and it is to be cleaned and seen that it is done, the department of public health grants a certificate that the cistern is clean, and the engineers run a pipe to it and it is filled, no matter what its capacity may be. Two cisterns were recently replenished with between 60,000 and 70,000 gallons of water from the hills.

The installation of the supply was a triumph for the Royal Engineers. A preliminary investigation and survey of the ground was made on February 14, and a scheme was submitted four days later. Owing to the shortage of transport and abnormally bad weather, work could not be commenced till April 12. Many miles of pipe line had to be laid and a powerful pumping plant erected, but water was being delivered to the people of Jerusalem on June 15. There has not been a stoppage or a hitch.

A medical authority tells me the health of the community is wonderfully good, and there is no suspicion of cholera, outbreaks of which were frequent under the Turkish regime. Government hospitals are established in all large centres, and frequent medical treatment is given to the indigent. Many thousands of natives in the past few months have come forward of their own free will to be vaccinated. Typhus and relapsing fever, both life-borne diseases, used to claim many victims, but the figures are falling very rapidly, due largely, no doubt, to the full use to which disinfecting plants are put in all areas in occupied territory.

In Jerusalem an infant's welfare bureau has been instituted, where mothers are seen before and after childbirth, infants' clinics are being established, a body of health visitors is in process of formation, and a kitchen is about to be opened to provide food for babies and the poor. The nurses are mainly local subjects, who have to undergo a thorough training, and there is no one here who does not confidently predict a rapid fall in the infant mortality rate.

The spidework was all done by the medical staff of the Occupied Enemy Territory Administration. Some voluntary societies are now assisting, and the enthusiasm of the American Red Cross units, which have recently arrived with an admirable equipment, will enable all to carry on a great and beneficent work.

FISHING IN PALESTINE.

A former Fleet-street worker with the Palestine forces writes: "At present our pivot is on the coast of the Mediterranean. The native fishermen round here is nothing if not up-to-date, and his charges are the last word in production."

I was most interested in his methods of fishing. He wades close in shore about waist-deep until he strikes a shoal. Then he lights the fuse of a dynamite cartridge, pops it in the water, and he and his assistant gather up the stunned fish as they rise to the surface. He proceeds to retail his catch at very stiff rates—2s. being brazenly demanded for a couple of small fishes."

THE COAL SHORTAGE.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

LONDON, Aug. 21.

Mr. Guy Calthrop, the Coal Controller, addressing a conference of the Miners' Federation at Southport yesterday, said that the country was faced with a coal shortage of 38,000,000 tons this year. He hoped to have between eight and nine million tons by means of the household "rationing" of coal, gas, and electricity. The deficit could be met only by "rationing" important industries not concerned directly in war work, and by an improved output. Our Allies' privations far exceeded ours. France's coal "ration" for a family of five was only 28 cwt. per annum, and the American troops pouring into France meant a constantly increasing demand for coal. He had suspended recently nearly all of the coal deliveries on the railways in order to divert shipments to Italy. The German's strike were worse than ours, but they were using the coal against neutral nations. During July we were unable to fulfil our obligations to our Allies and neutral nations. July's output was 15,770,000 tons, representing a decrease of 880,000 compared with the output for 1917, but July could not be regarded as a normal month because 50 per cent. of the miners during June and July were absent for a week owing to influenza.

Mr. Calthrop read messages from Admiral Beatty, Field-Marshal Haig, and Mr. Georges Clemenceau (the French Premier) urging that an adequate supply of coal was vital to the Allied cause. Marshal Foch telegraphed: "Coal is the key to victory. Miners of Britain, help me!"

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(2) A Certificate is not transferable except by permission of the Postmaster General; a fee of 1s. will be charged in respect of each transaction. In the event of death, the same rules will be applied as in the case of Savings Bank Deposits.

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(4) No person may hold more than 500 £1 Certificates or their equivalent.

The £1 Certificates (purchase price 15s. 6d.) are issued in book form. The Certificates for £15 (purchase price £2 7s. 6d.) and £25 (purchase price £3 7s. 6d.) are issued without books. The £1, £15 and £25 Certificates are on sale at all Post Offices and at most Banks.

Single Certificates for sums from £100 to £500 may be obtained on application to the Controller and Accountant General, General Post Office, London; application forms are available at all Post Offices and at most Banks. If Certificates are lost, and the serial numbers can be furnished to the Controller of the Money Order Department, new Certificates will be issued at charge of 1s.

General Post Office, London, June, 1918.

(For examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates, see the other side.)

Examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates

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HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

APPOINTMENT.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Company Quartermaster Sergeant L. Blackburn to be temporary 2nd Lieutenant in the Hongkong Corps, with effect from 1st Oct. 1918.

LEAVE.

Sergeant W. E. L. Shenton, Engineer Coy., is granted one month's sick leave from 10.10.18.

Captain L. Lee, Mounted Section, is granted 6 months' sick leave.

Corporal G. B. Howell, Eng. Coy., is granted 3 months' leave, on Medical grounds, from 1.10.18.

No. 783 Pte. A. A. Adams, Sig. Section, is attached to the Engineer Company for D.M. duties from 8.10.18.

The following are detailed for duty with the Engineer Company and will report to the O.C. Engineer Company:

No. 706 Sergeant, Bannerman, G.E.M. Coy. No. 84 Coy. Serby S. Artz, 4 Coy.

No. 64 Gar. Longfield, S. Artz. Coy. No. 76 Private Williamson, S. T. A. Coy.

No. 586 Pte. Bridger, H.B. Coy. No. 588 Pte. Holmes, C.E. Coy.

No. 133 Pte. Bridger, H.B. Coy. No. 588 Pte. Holmes, C.E. Coy.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

PARADES AT BELCHERS BATTERY.

TUESDAY, 15th Oct. — 7.30 a.m. — Right Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

THURSDAY, 17th Oct. — 7.15 p.m. — Left Half Coy. New D.R. Class only.

FRIDAY, 18th Oct. — 7.30 a.m. — Right Half Coy. Full drill. 7.45 p.m. — Left Half Coy. Full drill.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain F. W. James.

11th to 18th October, 1918. — D.E.L. duties. Parades as per roster posted at Headquarters. Engine Drivers at 4.45 p.m. Electricians at 8 p.m.

Officers next for duty: Belchers, 2nd Lieut. Marley, 1st Lieut. Brown, 2nd Lieut. Brown.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENGINEERS AND ELECTRICIANS AND MEN OF THE INFANTRY BATTALION ATTACHED FOR DUTY.

Class 1, at Belchers at 8.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays for all who have not passed the "Proficient" rate (C) examination.

Class 2, at Belchers at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays for all N.C.O.s and men of higher ratings, under Staff Sergeants, Overland and Parsons, R.E. and Sergeant Day, E.D.C.

Class 3, at Lyemun at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, under O.C.M. White, and Staff Sergeant Barclay, R.E.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

CAMP PROMOTIONAL NOTICE.

The Annual Camp of Exercise will take place between November 22nd and 10th December. There will be three long week ends:

22nd to 25th November, 6th to 9th December and 13th to 16th December.

Special training will be arranged for the men sent to Camp on the 22nd November, 6th December and 13th December and to bring them back on the 25th November, 9th December and 16th December.

Men are wanted that 8 days in Camp are compulsory (1 day for men between 45 and 50) and as far as possible should be put in during these three week ends to get as many men as possible together at one time. All applications for total or partial exemption must be submitted to the Adjutant through unit commanders not later than 1st November.

The locality of the Camp will be Low Peak Range.

The following will attend on the dates named:

TUESDAY, 15th October: — Part 1, Practices 1 and 2.

6.20 a.m. — Pte. A. Morse and F. W. Glover, ("A" Co.), W. L. Leuk, S. H. Dodwell, W. Sinclair, F. Graham, F. H. Mallett and G. W. Burnett ("B" Co.).

THURSDAY, 17th October: — Part 1, Practices 1 and 2.

6.20 a.m. — Lance Corporal A. O. Lang, C. H. P. Hay, T. E. Pearce, A. G. Fletcher, G. F. Nightingale, ("B" Co.), A. B. D. Mott and E. Davidson ("H. Co."), and C. D. Melbourne (Sig. Section).

FRIDAY, 18th October: — Part 1, Practices 1 and 2.

6.30 a.m. — Sergeant G. Morton Smith, Pte. R. P. Threlkeld, E. Howard, J. W. Ransay (Mounted Section) Capt. E. D. C. Wolfe, Sergeant E. V. Mitchelmore (Sig. Sec.) and any others who wish to fire at the Peak but whose names do not appear above.

SATURDAY, 19th October: — Part 1, Practices 3 and 4.

6.30 a.m. — As detailed for Tuesday, 15th October.

PARADES. — "A" Company.

TUESDAY, 15th Oct. — 5.30 p.m. — No. 3 Platoon on Polo Ground. Fall in at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Fire Discipline training. Dress, drill order with pouches (no dummies).

5.00 p.m. — No. 4 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 17 and 18. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 18th Oct. — 5.30 p.m. — No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 16 and 16. Dress, drill order with pouches.

5.30 p.m. — No. 1 Platoon on Murray Parade Ground. Squad Drill. Dress, drill order.

TUESDAY, 15th Oct. — 5.15 p.m. — No. 4 Platoon (S.C.O.s) and men attached by 1st and 2nd Companies at Kowloon Docks. T.E.P.

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WEDNESDAY, 15th Oct. —

4.15 p.m. — No. 5 Platoon — The following men will attend at King's Park Range to fire Practices 1 and 2, annual Musketry Course: — Ptes. Hollingsworth, A. W. Miller, R. Baker, Adams, E. V. White and Martin. Dress, drill order with pouches.

4.45 p.m. — No. 5 Platoon. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 3 and 4. Dress, drill order with pouches.

5.15 p.m. — No. 7 Platoon (S.C.O.s) and men as detailed by Platoon Commander at Headquarters. Quarry Bay gun will parade at 5.30 p.m. T.E.P. Dress, drill order with pouches and dummies.

THURSDAY, 17th Oct. — 4.15 p.m. — No. 8 Platoon (N.C.O.s) and men detailed by Platoon Commander at Kowloon Docks. T.E.P. MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

THURSDAY, 17th October: — 5.00 p.m. — Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 gun teams at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3 Practices 17 and 18. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 18th Oct. — 7.10 a.m. — Beginners' Class at Headquarters.

5.00 p.m. — No. 1 gun team at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15 and 16. Dress, drill order with pouches.

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TUESDAY, 15th Oct. — 5.30 p.m. — At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order.

THURSDAY, 17th Oct. — 5.30 p.m. — At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order without rifles.

TUESDAY, 15th Oct. — 5.15 p.m. — At Headquarters. Dress, drill order.

FRIDAY, 18th Oct. — 5.30 p.m. — Inspection of Arms, Ammunition, Equipment and Uniform at Headquarters. Dress, Marching Order, with 50 rounds ball ammunition.

TUESDAY, 15th and FRIDAY, 18th October: — 5.30 p.m. — Recruits of all units except "D" Company, at Headquarters on Tuesday and on Murray Parade Ground on Friday, under Sergeants Oxberry (Tuesday) and Edmonds (Friday). Dress, drill order.

On duty 14th Oct. M. Gun Company (4) On duty 15th Oct. No. 1 Platoon (4) On duty 16th Oct. No. 2 Platoon (4) On duty 17th Oct. No. 3 Platoon (4) On duty 18th Oct. No. 4 Platoon (4) On duty 19th Oct. No. 5 Platoon (4) On duty 20th Oct. No. 6 Platoon (4) On duty 21st Oct. No. 7 Platoon (4) On duty 22nd Oct. No. 8 Platoon (4) On duty 23rd Oct. No. 9 Platoon (4) On duty 24th Oct. No. 10 Platoon (4) On duty 25th Oct. No. 11 Platoon (4) On duty 26th Oct. No. 12 Platoon (4) On duty 27th Oct. No. 13 Platoon (4) On duty 28th Oct. No. 14 Platoon (4) On duty 29th Oct. No. 15 Platoon (4) On duty 30th Oct. No. 16 Platoon (4) On duty 31st Oct. No. 17 Platoon (4) On duty 1st Nov. No. 18 Platoon (4) On duty 2nd Nov. No. 19 Platoon (4) On duty 3rd Nov. No. 20 Platoon (4) On duty 4th Nov. No. 21 Platoon (4) On duty 5th Nov. No. 22 Platoon (4) On duty 6th Nov. No. 23 Platoon (4) On duty 7th Nov. No. 24 Platoon (4) On duty 8th Nov. No. 25 Platoon (4) On duty 9th Nov. No. 26 Platoon (4) On duty 10th Nov. 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